GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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EFFICACY OF EXTRADITION TREATIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a question mark has been put on the efficacy of extradition treaties signed between India and other countries; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to make these treaties effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No, Sir. The Extradition Treaties provide a legal framework for seeking extradition of fugitive criminals and contain an undertaking by the Contracting States to extradite fugitive offenders. The Treaties also specify circumstances and conditions, which govern the process of extradition. The objective behind signing Extradition Treaties is to combat all crimes including organized crime such as terrorism, drug-trafficking and economic crime by making fugitive criminals available for trial.
After submission of extradition request by Indian Government, it is examined by the concerned administrative and legal authorities of the Requested State in terms of their domestic, bilateral and international laws. This process often takes time as the person whose extradition has been sought has all the legal remedies available and may use them to delay or stall the extradition.

(b) Does not arise.